

# THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

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## Dear Reader,

In your hands is a gift pack which will benefit you in your journey through life. All you have to do is to explore it using your mind and heart. It has been specially put together for you to think about someone very important and precious, You! It will also give you a very unique and deep view of a very misunderstood way of life.

**Imagine you wake up in a huge factory that you've never been in before. You see thousands of people working away, and all the doors and windows are sealed off.**

People work, sleep and spend all their time inside this factory. In this situation, what would you think to yourself? "Now I'm here I might as well join in with everyone else," or would you think, "How did I get here? What lies outside the factory? Why have I been put here?"

This example is like our existence here on earth. We human beings have been thrown into existence without any conscious choice, so the question follows; Who are we? And what is our purpose?

## OUR WORLD

**Our questioning of our own existence can also be applied to the universe too: "Why does the universe exist at all? And why is it the way it is?"**

A good place to start is by looking at the world around us. When we reflect on the nature of the world, we see arrangement and order; which is exhibited everywhere from the water cycle to the movement of the earth around the sun. The more we explore our world, the more order and

arrangement we discover. Commenting on the order of the universe, the physicist Stephen Hawking said:

*"The overwhelming impression is one of order, the more we discover about the universe, the more we find that it is governed by rational laws."*

Since the universe obeys the 'laws of science,' whether they are chemical,

physical or biological, the question arises: where does this order come from?

We have never seen a car, mobile phone, an aeroplane or anything else that is arranged just assemble together by chance. On the contrary, where we have seen order and arrangement, we know there to be an organiser behind it. Now looking at the order and structure present in the universe, wouldn't it be logical to say that the universe has an organiser? This organiser is best explained as God.

## OUR NATURE

**Belief in God is not just an intellectual position rather it is natural to the human being.**

Many children across various cultures display the natural inclination to believe in God, as Dr. Justin Barrett a senior researcher at the University of Oxford's Centre for Anthropology and Mind states,

*"The preponderance of scientific evidence for the past 10 years or so has shown that a lot more seems to be built into the natural development of children's minds than we once thought, including a predisposition to see the natural world as designed and purposeful and that some kind of intelligent being is behind that purpose..."*

This is the same reason why the majority of people in history have had a belief in some sort of creator, although they may refer to it by different names and attributes. The best explanation of this belief is that God put this into humanity.

## OUR QUEST

Belief in God goes in line with the human quest for purpose. Everything around us has a purpose, so it would make sense that we have one too. The Qur'an, the book believed by Muslims to be God's speech to humanity, asks us profound questions about our existence:

**"Did you think that We had created you in play [without any purpose], and that you would not be brought back to Us?" [23:115]**

**"Were they created by nothing, or were they the creators [of themselves]? Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Rather, they are not certain." [52:35-36]**

**"Have they not thought about their own selves?" [30:8]**

The Quran addresses the central questions of life, which gives it the ability to connect deeply with the human being. This box contains a book called 'Quran - A

Short Journey' which is a compilation of short passages from the Quran, as well as other materials that deal with topics, such as God's existence, inner peace and purpose.

If you would like a full copy of the Quran, please contact us at [freequran@onereason.info](mailto:freequran@onereason.info)

Thank you for taking your time to read this and we hope that you will enjoy and benefit greatly from what is in this box.



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